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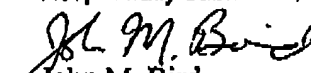
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

Claim 1. (Amended) A pneumatic tire comprising:

a plurality of reinforcing layers in each of which cords, which are inclined at a predetermined angle with respect to a tire circumferential direction, are provided parallel to each other;

a tread provided on a top of said reinforcing layers which are laminated; and